

Victims' Rights

- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused.
- The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of certain proceedings.
- The right not to be excluded from any public hearing or proceeding (unless the military judge determines after receiving clear and convincing evidence that testimony by the victim would be materially altered).
- The right to be reasonably heard at any of the following:
 - A public hearing to continue pretrial confinement of the accused
 - A sentencing hearing related to the offense
 - A public proceeding for clemency and parole board relating to offense
- The reasonable right to confer with the government
- The right to receive restitution as provided in the law.
- The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay
- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the dignity and privacy of the victim.

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10 U.S.C. § 806b

Base Services

McGuire

Chaplains 609-754-4673
McGuire & Soldier's Chapel 609-562-2020
SARC 609-754-1557
FAP (Family Advocacy Program) 609-754-9680
DAVA 609-283-5015
AFOSI (Det 307) 609-754-3353
Legal 609-754-2010
VC/VP 609-754-6062

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Chaplains 781-225-5501
FAP 781-225-6385
SARC 781-225-3541
AFOSI (Det 102) 781-225-5861
Legal 781-225-1410



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Introduction

In the military, we pride ourselves on developing our readiness capabilities to counteract our adversaries. We plan, we train, we exercise, and we prepare. Unfortunately, no one can fully prepare for what it's like to be the victim of a crime. You may be uneasy or angry, and, in all probability, anxious about what may follow. Surviving a sexual assault or a series of domestic assaults can be stressful, and the process may make you feel victimized all over again.

The Victims' Counsel (VC) position is designed to make this process a little easier. It is designed to help you understand the process and make sure that your voice is heard. The VC will vigorously defend your rights to privacy, respect, and confidentiality. We are here to walk this road with you.

If you have suffered from one of the offenses below, you may qualify for VC services:

- Sexual Assault or Harassment
- Domestic Violence
- Non-consensual recording or photos of private areas
- Stalking
- Hazing
- Arson
- ID Theft
- Finance Crimes
- Indecent Conduct
- Other offenses may apply

WHAT CAN A VC DO FOR YOU?

- Advise clients of their afforded rights
- Advocate their interests to Commanders, Convening Authorities, DOD agencies, military/civilian prosecutors/agencies
- Empower clients to participate in the military justice process
- Provide confidential legal advice
- Protect Victims' Rights and privacy interests
- Attend interviews with victims
- Attend hearings and courts-martial with victims
 - Except civilian court

Reporting Options

Restricted Reporting

- Enables you to make a report of sexual assault or domestic violence (adults only), remaining confidential, and no law enforcement involvement.
- Allows access to medical care, counseling, victim advocate, VC, and additional resources

Unrestricted Reporting

- Allows access to medical care, counseling a victim advocate, VC, and additional services
- Sexual Assaults (not involving intimate partner)
 - Who is notified: SARC, Command, & OSI
- Domestic Violence & Sex Assaults (involving intimate partner or children)
 - Who is notified: DAVA, Command, & OSI

HOW CAN YOU REQUEST A VC?

Anyone can contact the VC office regardless if a report is established.

Restricted Reports

- SARC/ SAPR
- FAP/DAVA
- Healthcare Provider/ Personnel (psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, & clinical social workers)

Unrestricted Reports

- SARC
- Family Advocacy (FAP) & Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate (DAVA)
- VWAP (Base Legal Office)

Contact Information for Additional Support Services

**Speak with a VC first about the best service to use for your unique situation.*

Safe Helpline

- Safe helpline for confidential sexual assault support worldwide access to trained professionals
- www.SafeHelpline.org
 - 877-995-5247 (anytime, 24/7)

Veterans Benefits Info and Assistance

- 1-800-827-1000
- 1-800-787-3224

- www.militaryonesource.com 1-800-799-7233
- www.tricareonline.com 1-800-787-3224
- www.womenslaw.org

Domestic Violence

National Domestic Violence Hotline

- www.ndvh.org 1- 800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL)

- 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Don't have a DAVA at your base?

- DAVA Crisis Line
- 866-419-6899